

CITY OF ANGELS  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
SUMMARY MINUTES

**Regular Meeting of Thursday June 13, 2013**  
**City Fire House 1404 Vallecito Road**  
**Angels Camp, California**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Croletto at 6:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Chairman Croletto, Vice-Chair Griffin, Commissioner Reesman,  
Commissioner Rudolph, and Commissioner Broeder arrived at 6:05pm

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present: Planning & Building Director David Hanham and Jennifer Preston,  
Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Approval of the May 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes.**

Page 1, add Staff Absent: Jennifer Preston, Deputy City Clerk

Page 1, Approval of Minutes, change 2nd line down to say " Page 2, Item 3, 2nd paragraph, last sentence, change "three parking spots for the taco truck" to "three of the existing parking spaces for the taco truck's customers".

Page 1, Item 2, change in title, "Sign Permit for two renovated existing signs" to "Sign Permit for one renovated existing sign".

Page 1, Item 2, after 1st sentence, add "The consensus of the Planning Commission is that unless and until the applicant complies with existing City codes and removes all unpermitted signs, the Commission will not sign off on the resolution".

Page 2, Item 4, change all D<sup>2</sup> to say D<sup>2</sup>.

Page 3, Item 5, 1st sentence, change "on" to "of".

Page 3, Item 6, 2nd paragraph, add "and engineering drawing and plans" after "not being complete".

Page 3, Item 6, 2nd paragraph, add "and correct" after "staff will work to complete".

Page 3, Item 7, 2nd paragraph, add "and off-site cooking under background" after "not being complete".

Page 4, Item 8, add after 2nd paragraph, " The Commission questioned the two modular units that were not included in the project".

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER RUDOLPH AND DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REESMAN AND CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

## **VERIFICATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

### **2. Verification of Resolution 2013-07 a Resolution for a Conditional Use Permit for D<sup>2</sup> Tattoo & Art Studio, located at 520 N. Main Street, Suite 209, APN 058-010-044.**

In title, change "(APN058-010-044" to "(APN058-010-044)".

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**OPENED AT 6:12 P.M.**

**CLOSED AT 6:13 P.M.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

None

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MATTERS**

### **3. Resolution 2013-08 a Resolution for a sign permit for O.A.R.S. Co. Inc. located at 1211 S. Main Street, APN 062-004-086.**

Planning Director Hanham presented the staff report and Resolution 2013-08 a resolution for a sign permit for O.A.R.S. Co. Inc. located at 1211 S. Main Street, APN 062-004-086.

On Resolution 2013-08:

1st Whereas, change "Anne Forrest" to "AFB Enterprises L.L.C.".

1st Whereas, change "County Business License #5823" to "City Business License #21616".

3rd Whereas, should read as follows, "WHEREAS, the building located at 1211 S. Main Street has a length of 40 feet and a height of 30 feet for a total frontage area of 1200 sq. ft. Based on Section 17.26.090 of the City of Angels Zoning Ordinance, this building has a total area of signage of 10% of the building frontage area or 50 sq. ft., whichever is less. This building has 41.9 sq. ft. of existing signage that will not be removed and with this proposal of 6 sq. ft. will have a total of 47.9 sq. ft., leaving 2.1 sq. ft. for future signage".

On Conditions of Approval:

Item 3, change "8 square feet" to "6 square feet".

## **MOTION BY COMMISSIONER REESMAN AND DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROEDER AND CARRIED 5-0 TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2013-08 A RESOLUTION FOR A SIGN PERMIT FOR O.A.R.S. LOCATED AT 1211 S. MAIN STREET, APN 062-004-086 AS AMENDED AND CORRECTED.**

### **4. Resolution 2013-06 a Resolution of Intent to initiate an amendment to Title 15, Chapter 12, Section 020, Definitions.**

Planning Director Hanham presented the staff report dated June 6, 2013 and Resolution 2013-06 a Resolution of intent for the Planning Commission to initiate an amendment to Title 15, Chapter 12, Section 020, Sign Definitions.

Chair Croletto read into record his statement dated 6/13/2013. (see attachment 1)

The following discussion was concerning if the commission wanted to leave the current sign code as is or reopen the code for changes. The consensus of the commission was that the current sign code was clear and the commission did not want to reopen the sign code.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BROEDER AND DULY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER REESMAN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2013-06 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND TITLE 15 CHAPTER 12, SECTION 020, SIGN DEFINITIONS, THE MOTION DID NOT PASS WITH ALL COMMISSIONERS VOTING NO FOR A 5-0 VOTE.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 11. GPI - General Plan Implementation Committee – Commissioner Reesman**  
Commissioner Reesman stated that the committee is making progress on the Land Use Chart, and that they are using the City of Modesto as a template.
- 12. DAC – Destination Angels Camp Committee - Commissioner Broeder**  
Commissioner Broeder stated that there was nothing new to report.

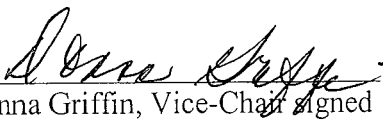
### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

- 13. Action List – Chairman Croletto**  
Chair Croletto passed out Action List dated 6/13/13. (see attachment 2)

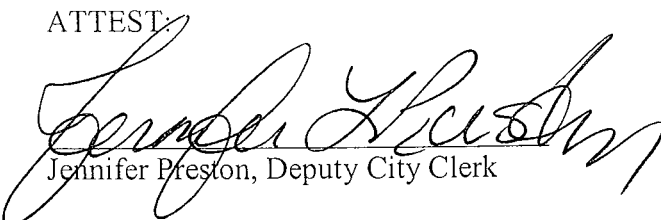
### **STAFF REPORTS**

Planning Director Hanham stated that DeNova Homes is starting to work on architectural drawings for elevations. The sidewalk for Murphys Grade Road and HWY 49 will be going to the construction phase. Mark Twain Saint Joseph's is getting ready to submit plans for their site plan and conditional use permit. Work is continuing on the grant for the Master Plan and Trail project.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:35 p.m.

  
Donna Griffin, Vice-Chair signed  
for Gary Croletto, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Jennifer Preston, Deputy City Clerk

# Attachment 1

**June 13, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting, Agenda Item #4 Resolution 2013-06, a Resolution of Intent to initiate an amendment to Title 15 Chapter 12 Section 020, Definitions.**

The reason Staff has recommended the above, as stated in the Staff report, is because of merchants hanging "Business Signs" just off the window inside surface and contending the signs are not part of the allowed sign area because they are inches off the window surface. I have asked the Planning director to provide findings of where in the City Codes provisions are made for this type of sign and so far he has not provided any evidence of findings.

In my experience of Planning Issues and Signage Codes in a multitude of cities, I have never seen reference to signage allowances off a window surface and by his own admission, neither has the Planning Director. I fully understand and agree that Codes need to be reviewed when issues require it, but I have concern over the Staff Recommendation of approving amending Title 15 Chapter 12 Section 020, Definitions for the following reasons:

- This section has been reviewed and amended by the Planning Commission 4 times since 1986 with the latest amendment in 2009 and no where does the code address signs off the window surface.
- Section 020 - Item 19 states; "**Business sign**" shall mean any structure, housing sign, device, figure, painting, display, message placard, or other contrivance, or any part thereof, which has been designed to advertise, or to provide data or information in the nature of advertising, for any of the following purposes:
  - a. To designate, identify, or indicate the name or business of the owner or occupant of the premises upon which the business sign is lawfully erected.
  - b. To advertise the business conducted, services available or rendered, or goods produced, sold, or available for sale upon the property where the business sign has been lawfully erected..
- Item 67 states; "**Sign**" shall mean every sign, billboard, freestanding sign, portable freestanding sign, wall sign, roof sign, illuminated sign, projecting sign, temporary sign and street clock, and includes any announcement, declaration, demonstration, display, illustration or insignia used to advertise or promote any interest **when the same is placed so that it is clearly visible to the general public from an out-of-doors position.**
- Item 77 states; "**Window sign**" shall mean a sign maintained **in** or painted in or painted upon a window, which shall be classified as a wall sign. (Ord. 440, 2009; Ord. 337 §1, 2000; Ord. 324 §§1, 7, 1992; Ord. 280 §2, 1986)
- There is no reference to a "**Merchandise Sign**" but would **not** be considered part of the signage area allowed by code because it is merchandise being sold by the "**Business**".
- If the City considers signs off the window surface exempt of the signage area, then a merchant could put all signs off the window surface and;
  - they would not be considered a "sign" and therefore the City would not be able to collect a sign Fee as shown on the sign application form.
  - a merchant could cover the entire window area with signage off the window surface which would be unattractive and limit sight for life and safety issues.

I don't feel that it's in the City's best interest or good Planning procedures to amend a code just to meet one or two merchant's desires and does nothing to improve the looks and esthetics of the Commercial Districts.

## Attachment 2

**City of Angels Planning Commission Action List**  
**6/13/2013**

#	Date	Discussion Topic	Action	Commission/Staff/City	Comp/Cont
1	10/14/10	Developer's Agreements	Annual Review of Developer's Agreements per Section 17.85 P.C. Procedures	Staff/Commission	Cont.
2	3/10,4/14, 7/14, 9/8, 10/13/11,4/12,7/12, <b>10/12</b>	Gold Panning Sign @ GHC Road and Selkirk	Comes and goes...enforcement? <b>Citations, fines???</b>	Staff	Cont.
3	8/14/09	Galleria @ GHC/Classics On the Ridge	Extension of Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map 2005.20	Staff	<b>Cont.</b>
4	6/19/11	Resolution 2011-07	Placement of Historical Plaques in Downtown	Staff	<b>Needs to go to C.C.</b>
5	6/19,7/12/12	Signage for Calaveras Gold Exchange	3 signs, ;2 window, one hanging	Staff	<b>No sign application</b>
6	10/11/12, 11/12, 12/12, 1/13,2/13,3/13	Calaveras Coin & Gold	Sign application and resolution	Staff	<b>Code violation</b>
7	2/14/13	49er Motors	"Detailing services...." sign	Staff	<b>Application??</b>
8	3/14/13	Window signs for Calaveras Gold & Pawn	Two unapproved window signs	Staff	Non-Conforming
9	3/14/13	"SALON" sign	Sign still hanging from overhang and the business moved out months ago	Staff	
10	5/9/13, 6/13/13	"Now & Then" store signs	20% off sign on second floor and assorted signs on building <b>&amp; in sidewalk area</b>	Staff	<b>Code violation</b>
11	6/13/13	49er Motors	Sale of Trailers	Staff	